

REMARKS

Claims remaining in the present patent application are numbered 1-15. The rejections and comments of the Examiner set forth in the Office Action dated June 3, 2004 have been carefully considered by the Applicant. Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to consider and allow the remaining claims.

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In the present Office Action, the Examiner has stated that the present Application contains two distinct species of the claimed invention. Specifically, the Examiner has required Applicant to elect between inventions of a Species I that is shown in Figure 2 and inventions of a Species II that is shown in Figure 3A.

, recited in Claims 1-15, drawn to an apparatus for removing contaminants, classified in class 422, subclass 168; and a second invention, recited in Claims 16-20, drawn to a method, classified in class 423, subclass 210.



ELECTION WITHOUT TRAVERSE

Applicant hereby elects without traverse to prosecute the invention of Species II that is shown in Figure 3A. Applicant lists Claims 11-39 as being claims readable upon the elected invention of Species II that is shown in Figure 3A.

CONCLUSION

In light of the election/restriction presented herein, Applicant respectfully requests consideration of the elected claims.

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned representative if the Examiner believes such action would expedite resolution of the present Application.

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